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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2002, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2002

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Debbie Stabenow, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Paul Lavin, of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, offered the following prayer:

In the book of Tobit we read:

Thank God! Give him the praise and the glory. Before all living, acknowledge the many good things he has done for you, by blessing and extolling his name in song. Before all men, honor and proclaim God's deeds, and do not be slack in praising him. A king's secret it is prudent to keep, but the works of God are to be declared and made known. Praise them with due honor. Do good, and evil will not find its way to you. Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than abundance with wickedness.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we give You thanks for the many and varied ways You have blessed the men and women who serve in the Senate. We ask now, Lord, that they may do Your will in all things and so remain close to You. Lord, Your presence is found where unity and love prevail; grant that they may strive to work together in harmony and peace.

We acknowledge that God is the strength and protector of His people; grant Lord to the Members of the Senate the strength and courage they need to serve the people of the United States.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 17, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADERSHIP TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended until 5 after the hour and that Senator COLLINS be recognized for 15 minutes and Senator SANTORUM be recognized for 10 minutes. Senator STABENOW asked to speak for 15 minutes. That will take us until 10 after.

I hope Senators will complete their debate on H.R. 3167 in 20 minutes because the vote is still going to occur at 10:30.

I ask unanimous consent that be the case as far as those speaking in morning business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Maine is recognized.

Ms. COLLINS. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Ms. COLLINS pertaining to the introduction of S. 2531 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL). The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SANTORUM. Madam President, I thank the Senator from Maine for her excellent comments and for her introduction of that legislation.

OUR STEELWORKERS

Mr. SANTORUM. Madam President, I stand in this Chamber as a strong supporter of the steel industry. In fact, I would match my record of support for the steel industry, for steelworkers,

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